

# Paper Piecing !

## Special Things you may need

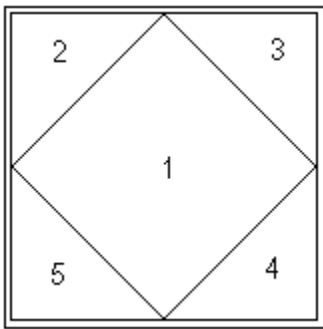
- \* Glue Stick
- \* "Add a Quarter" Ruler
- \* Foundation Paper of some kind
- \* Scotch tape in case the paper tears
- \* Postcard, index card or plastic

## Suggestions:

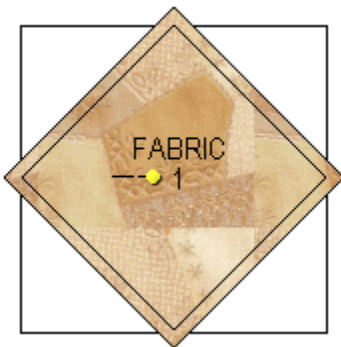
- \* Look for corrections to the pattern
- \* Iron often (dry iron) or use roller
- \* Read (and follow) the instructions
- \* Use a new needle
- \* Shorten Sitch length
- \* Solid lines are usually the SEW line

## Summary Steps:

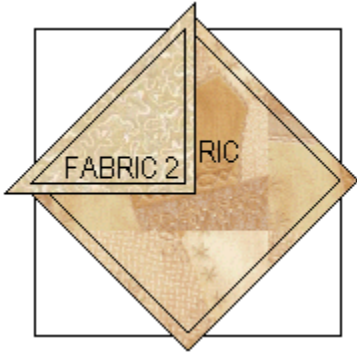
- 1) First fabric goes on unprinted side of paper – face up – glue in place.
- 2) Second fabric goes right sides together. Pin in place. Turn over and sew on line between area one and two.
- 3) Fold back paper on next sewing line. Trim 1/4" away from line (use a postcard if you want to "hold" the Add a Quarter ruler).
- 4) Iron (or use roller) fabric open
- 5) Go back to step 2 above with the next fabric piece and continue until finished.



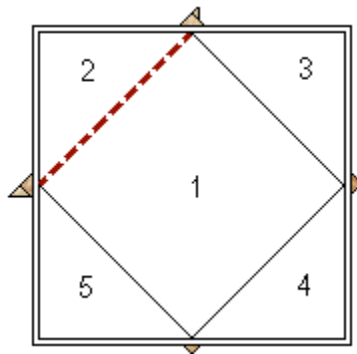
**Set your sewing machine stitch length to a small stitch...about 12-18 per inch, and then change the needle to a size 90/14. This will aid in the perforation (and later removal) of the paper foundation.!**



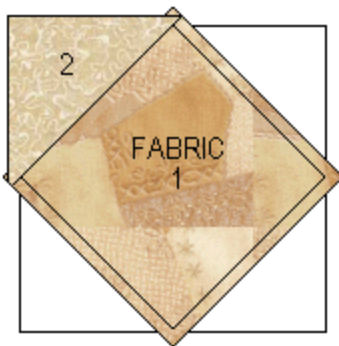
**Now cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover the area labeled "1" with AT LEAST 1/4" extra all around. Center this fabric, right side up, on the unprinted side of the foundation paper. Flip the paper over and hold up to a light to see that you have it covering the "1" space, plus at least 1/4" beyond on all sides. Pin or glue in place...**



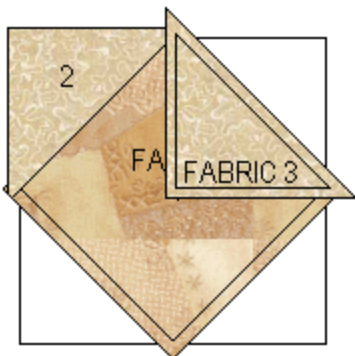
Now cut a piece of fabric large enough to cover the "2" space with AT LEAST 1/4" extra all around. Place this right sides together with Fabric 1 . Check in the light to see that it is going to cover the "2" space with 1/4" extra on all sides. Pin this piece in place, and...



Flip the whole thing over. Now stitch on the line between section 1 and section 2. Take a short backstitch at the beginning and end of this row of stitching. Trim the seam allowances back to just 1/4", being careful not to cut the paper off....now flip it all back over...



Press out the "2" unit, using a dry iron and just gentle pressure...



Now cut out a piece of fabric large enough to cover the "3" space with AT LEAST 1/4" extra all around. Lay this "3" fabric right sides together over the "1" fabric so that it will cover the "3" space with 1/4" extra all around. Check against the light before you sew! Hold this in place and flip the whole thing back over...

Repeat and continue around the block